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RESOLUTION No. _____**

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on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of its founding.

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Whereas, Madison, Indiana, was established in 1809 and has become a center for historic preservation and railroad history;

Whereas, Located along the Ohio River, Madison was once a busy steamboat port and a terminus of the Madison and Indianapolis Railroad, the first Indiana railroad, and was incorporated by 1824;

Whereas, The original land purchased for Madison by John Paul, Lewis Davis, and Jonathan Lyons was advertised in Cincinnati's Liberty Hall as "one of the most healthy and elegant situations on the banks of said (Ohio) river, and near the center of the most fertile country";

Whereas, By 1830, Madison was at the center of one of Indiana's wealthiest counties, had more population than any other city in the state, and was home to the Farmers and Mechanics' Bank, the state's first successful bank, incorporated in 1814;

Whereas, The county seat of Jefferson County, Madison has a population of 13,000 and is today a regional hub for commerce, industry, health care, and tourism;

Whereas, With the founding of Historic Madison, Inc., Madison became a center for historic preservation, and in



2006, Madison was designated one of the country's largest National Historic Landmark Districts;

Whereas, Madison has received many honors for its historic districts, including being named a Great American Public Place by Urban Initiatives and being recognized by the National Trust for Historic Preservation as one of 12 Distinctive Destinations in the United States, and Madison's Georgetown neighborhood is America's first Network to Freedom District;

Whereas, Madison is also a well known recreational area where people can commune with nature at Clifty Falls State Park and experience breathtaking waterfalls and a deep bouldered canyon while hiking along the trails;

Whereas, Madison is also the home of the Madison Regatta and the Miss Madison hydroplane, the 2008 American Boat Racing Association national champion, and features the Hydroplane and Raceboat Museum, the nation's only public museum dedicated solely to powerboat racing;

Whereas, Madison resident James F. D. Lanier, president and large shareholder of the Bank of Indiana, is remembered for loaning the Indiana government over one million dollars, without security, to help the state avoid bankruptcy during the American Civil War;

Whereas, Madison is also the home of one of the oldest Masonic lodges in the United States, established in 1815, and the home of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, founded in January 1818 in the Schofield House owned by Alexander Lanier, father of James Lanier; and

Whereas, It is fitting to remember the past and acknowledge its importance to the future: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring;*

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly congratulates

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- 1 Madison on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of its founding.
2 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
3 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Mayor Tim
4 Armstrong and the Jefferson County Council.

